



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Katherine Rothwell-Francis is retiring after 47
3 years of employment with A.C. Nielsen, Jr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Rothwell-Francis is a four-term trustee of
5 Waukegan Township; she was appointed as a township trustee in
6 1989 and was elected to the position in 1990; and

7 WHEREAS, She served 21 years as president of the Genesee
8 Branch YMCA Board and was the first woman to hold that
9 position; she was a board member of the National Council of
10 YMCAs; she was appointed by Mayor Bill Morris to be a board
11 member of the Waukegan City Human Relations Commission; she was
12 a candidate for Park Commissioner for the City of Waukegan; and

13 WHEREAS, Positions she has held include 1st vice president
14 of the New Fellowship District Association and
15 secretary/treasurer to the Parent Body; she is a member of
16 Waukegan's Woman's Club; she served as 4th vice president of
17 the Baptist State Convention of Illinois and was chairman of
18 the Lucille C. Williams Scholarship Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Rothwell-Francis is a member of Gideon
20 Missionary Baptist Church, where she is a past B.T.U. director,
21 choir director, Sunday School teacher (45 years), choir member
22 (44 years), Women's Day Chairman (16 years), president of
23 Pastor's Aid (19 years), a member of the Trustee Board, and a
24 Deaconess; she was a 1978 Women's Day Speaker at Second Baptist
25 Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan, a certified teacher-National
26 Congress Christian Education, and past chairman of special
27 projects in the Church Secretaries Workshop at the National
28 Congress of Christian Education, NBC, USA, Inc.; and

29 WHEREAS, She was born in Garrard County, Kentucky; she is
30 married to Leonard A. Francis and has two children, three

1 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Rothwell-Francis is a graduate of the College
3 of Lake County; she has traveled extensively, and has visited
4 most of the United States of America, the Holy Land, Egypt,
5 Italy, Greece, Holland, Brussels, Belgium, Punta Cana,
6 Dominican Republic, the Bahamas, and the West Indies;
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate Katherine Rothwell-Francis on the occasion of
11 her retirement after 47 years of service with A.C. Nielsen,
12 Jr., and we thank her for her service to her community; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to Ms. Rothwell-Francis as an expression of our
16 esteem.